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In re application of: Sam Yang

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METAL LAYER**

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## RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 16, 2004, please enter the following corrected Claims section. In accordance with the notice, only the entire "Amendments to the claims" section has been re-submitted. The error appears to be the use of the phrase "presently amended" rather than the accepted "currently amended." Entry of the "Amendments to the claims" section, as well as the other sections of the preliminary amendment, is respectfully requested.